

Application No. 09/787,998  
Amendment dated July 19, 12004  
Reply to Office Action of April 20, 2004  
Attorney Docket No. 2204-002012  
**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116**  
**EXPEDITED EXAMINING PROCEDURE**  
**EXAMINING GROUP 2600**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No. : 09/787,998 Confirmation No. 1204  
Applicant : HIROFUMI TAKETSU ET AL.  
Filed : March 23, 2001  
Title : FUEL TANK MADE FROM ALUMINUM COATED STEEL  
SHEET  
Art Unit : 2661  
Examiner : Steven Blount  
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RESPONSE/ARGUMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of April 20, 2004, Applicants submit the following response/arguments.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.

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